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10. Perhaps some day these two young Koreans, with their Bibles, will join them in Asian missions - for this continent is the greatest missionary challenge in the world. Asia has 60% of the world's population. Compare that with the United States, which has only about 6%. You often hear about Asia's physical hungers - and they are a real and urgent priority for Christian action. But what about the just as real spiritual hunger. St. Augustine said long ago, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." And he wasn't referring just to Westerners. That's true of Asians, as well. Only 3% of the people in Asia profess to know Jesus Christ. What about your own young people. Are you challenging them and helping to prepare them for the urgent missionary challenges in today's world? Please keep us all - missionaries and Korean Christians - in your prayers.

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